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Just breathe. A new company, Breather, is offering temporary office space by the hour to New Yorkers who slave away in coffee shops and cramped libraries. **A desk with view.** The company is already offering hourly rentals in parts of Manhattan and will add more spaces over the next few weeks. PAGE 02

Customers can rent one of the Breather rooms to have a quiet work space or to host business meetings. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Today's tweet

"You haven't truly loved until you've eaten cheesecake in New York."

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Taking a 'Breather' from your coffee shop office

You're the boss.

A new company hopes to capitalize on people who want to rent a quiet space by the hour for work.

In a city where getting a seat in a coffee shop can be a struggle, one startup is offering a breath of fresh air. Breather, which launched last week in New York, offers city dwellers office spaces for \$25 an hour. The Canadian company, which already has a presence in Montreal, currently rents out three spaces in SoHo, Midtown West and the Flatiron District for people who need a quiet respite from cramped cafes and libraries. They plan to open more spaces in the coming weeks.

Breather wants to be the Zipcar of office space, providing customers with an on-demand desk with a view: CEO Julien Smith said he and his staff carefully choose attractive, light-filled spaces with windows. Indeed, the rooms look like they are pulled from a West Elm catalog.

Smith said he created Breather for "people who need to work or people who are out of town and need some space that isn't Starbucks." Smith added, "Sometimes, people want Wi-Fi that works properly, or they want to take their shoes off."

Julien Smith

between 200 and 400 square feet and have enough space to host groups, making them ideal for meetings. Users rent Breathers by time blocks

Head space

"[It's for] people who need to work or people who are out of town and need some space that isn't Starbucks."

Smith



Breather's offices are geared for people who need a private work space or a place to have a business meeting. / MILES DIXON, METRO

By the numbers

200

The Breathers range from 200 to 400 square feet.

\$25

They are available for rental at \$25 per hour.

Homey feeling

"Sometimes, people want Wi-Fi that works properly, or they want to take their shoes off."

Julien Smith

and get a unique access code to unlock the rooms.

Smith said some Breather users even rent out the spaces every day. "They don't want to take a call in the street, so they're willing to spend \$25 an hour for a Breather," he explained.

Smith said he isn't worried about customers using the spaces for illicit purposes. "You don't just invent the subway just because someone might jump in front of it," he

said. Smith said that so far, his company has not run into any problems with abuse.

When prodded for juicy stories about Breather, Smith admitted that he does have one regular customer in Canada who uses the spaces for a unique purpose. "We have one user who has narcolepsy," said Smith. "He'll know when he's having an episode and if he's about to randomly fall asleep, he'll use the space so he can lie down."

It's not quite the salacious story one might expect from a company that rents out rooms by the hour, but Breather is just getting settled into New York.

Office on the go

Breather is aiming at individuals who work out of coffee shops and small businesses that may not have private space.

- The company began in Montreal and just kicked off in NYC.
- The company offers spaces in SoHo, Midtown West and the Flatiron District.
- It will add new spaces in the next few weeks.



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March madness

More snow and cold expected this week

A snowstorm that began Sunday night and continued through today's morning commute is expected to leave between 3 and 6 inches of snow by the time it blows through NYC. The storm should dissipate by late morning.



Winter continues / GETTY IMAGES

Along with the snow comes frigid temperatures, said Joey Picca, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"It's going to continue to be quite cold for this time of the year," Picca warned.

The rest of the week looks to be cloudy, mostly staying in the 20s through Thursday. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

Glock. Armed suspect shot by cops in Bronx

Police shot an armed suspect in the Bronx on Saturday after he pulled a gun on three people.

Jayson Ramos, 22, reportedly pointed his Glock 9mm handgun at the victims in front of Sake II Restaurant at 7:33 p.m., authorities said.

Inside the restaurant, three officers were eating

dinner and heard the dispute. Officers said Ramos began to run when the officers approached him.

The police said Ramos pointed the gun at them, prompting one officer to shoot him in his left leg.

Ramos was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he is in stable condition, cops said. CHESTER JESUS SORIA



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Queens goes green at St. Patrick's bash

Mayor Bill de Blasio joined a slew of New York City elected officials who marched in an inclusive St. Pat's for All Parade in Queens on Sunday. The long-running St. Patrick's Day Parade, which attracts up to a million people along its Fifth Avenue route in Manhattan, does not allow participants to carry signs identifying themselves as gay. De Blasio and a number of other city officials will not attend the other parade in protest. EMILY JOHNSON, METRO



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Dilemma. Obama seeks to boost budget goals without more deficit

President Barack Obama will unveil a budget this week that seeks to boost spending on new initiatives such as road repairs, education programs and tax breaks for the working poor while avoiding an increase in U.S. deficits.

Obama has made reducing the gap between the rich and the poor a centerpiece of his agenda for his next three years in office.

But he is limited in his ability to offer bold new initiatives because of a budget accord he reached in 2011 with House of Representatives Republicans that puts strict curbs on both domestic and military spending.

An agreement reached in December between congressional Republicans and Obama's Democrats allowed a slight easing of curbs on spending in the current 2014 fiscal year, but

Futile gestures

Even with only a minuscule spending increase, Obama's budget proposals are unlikely to become law anytime soon.

- The divided U.S. Congress controls the government's purse strings and Republicans who hold power in the House of Representatives disagree with policy priorities such as added spending on job training and other programs.
- That means Obama's blueprint is more of a campaign document than a road map to the country's fiscal path over the next year. It will be used to guide messaging in the November congressional elections in which Democrats are fighting to keep control of the Senate and avoid losing seats in the House.

By the numbers

\$1T

Because of the caps, spending on programs subject to annual review in 2015 will total \$1.014 trillion — an increase of less than two-tenths of a percent.

outlays will be essentially flat in fiscal 2015, which begins Oct. 1.

Obama's budget and

the coming debate in Congress will focus on how to work within those limits.

"We're on track to having discretionary spending the lowest as a share of the economy since we started recording discretionary spending in 1962," White House Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Jason Furman said last week. **REUTERS**

Carpe diem

Obama urges Netanyahu to make peace

President Barack Obama said time is running out to negotiate an Israeli-Palestinian agreement and urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu to "seize the moment" to make peace.

In an interview with Bloomberg View columnist Jeffrey Goldberg, the president said he believes Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas "is sincere about his willingness to

recognize Israel and its right to exist."

"We are coming to a point, though, over the next couple of months where the parties are going to have to make some decisions about how they move forward," Obama said.

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Storm takes aim at the winter-weary

One person was killed and 20 people were taken to three hospitals with injuries Saturday morning in a giant pileup on northbound Interstate 25 as a band of heavy snow moved through Denver. A massive winter storm system packing cold air, snow and freezing rain was pummeling the central United States on Sunday and headed for the East Coast, sending temperatures plummeting and causing major delays for weekend travelers. Rainfall and snow associated with the system was expected to stretch over 1,500 miles, from Colorado to Massachusetts. **REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES**

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Rescuers search for pilot in jet crash

Military. The F/A-18C went down during a training mission in Nevada.

The U.S. Navy and local authorities were searching on Sunday for the pilot of an F/A-18C fighter jet that crashed during a

training mission near a Nevada air base, the Navy said.

Initial reports show the aircraft, which crashed mid-afternoon on Saturday, was a total loss, the Navy said in a statement.

The crash occurred on the Fallon Range Training Complex, about 70 miles east of Naval Air Station



There hasn't been an accident with an F/A-18C since March 2011 when one blew up on the deck of the USS Stennis. / GETTY IMAGES

Fallon in Nevada in a rugged and remote mountainous area.

Navy personnel took several hours to reach the crash site, and a snowstorm overnight also hindered efforts.

The plane was a U.S. Marine Corps F/A-18C on loan to the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center for training. **REUTERS**

By the numbers

1,190

The F/A-18C "Hornet" has a maximum speed of Mach 1.8 or 1,190 mph, while at high altitude and Mach 1.2 (915 mph) while at low altitude. Production of the C version of the aircraft was halted in 1999 as newer models were developed.

Political scandal. Wisconsin Assembly seeks to boot leader

Wisconsin Republican lawmakers will attempt to remove Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer from his leadership post after two women accused him of sexual harassment last week, according to local media on Sunday.

The Republican caucus in the Assembly will vote on Tuesday on whether to oust Kramer, according to a statement released by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos to *Wispolitics.com*.

"It is clear he has lost our trust and confidence," Vos said in the statement.

A woman accused Kramer, 49, of harassing her on Wednesday during a fundraiser thrown by BRG, a lobbying and public relations firm, in Washington, according to a statement on *Wispolitics.com*.

Wisconsin on Thursday.

Kramer's office said on Saturday he entered a treatment facility and that there would be no other comment on the matter, according to a statement on *Wispolitics.com*.

As majority leader, Kramer leads the day-to-day activities on the Assembly floor. The lawyer and certified public accountant was elected to office in November 2006. **REUTERS**

Mush! Mush!

Iditarod under way in Alaska

Iditarod competitors from all over the world set off from a frozen lake on Sunday for the true start of Alaska's famed sled-dog race, a day after the 69 mushers and their canine teams made a ceremonial jaunt through Anchorage.

The nearly 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog

Race commemorates a 1925 rescue mission that carried diphtheria serum by sled-dog relay to the coastal community of Nome, which remains the final destination in this 42nd edition of the event.

The official restart was held on an ice-covered lake in Willow, a community about 50 miles north of Anchorage, which on Saturday hosted the race's untimed start. **REUTERS**

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Ukraine at ready after 'declaration of war'



On the edge.

Russia seized Crimea and threatens Ukraine despite Western pleas for calm.

Ukraine mobilized for war on Sunday and Washington threatened to isolate Russia economically, after President Vladimir Putin declared he had the right to invade his neighbor in Moscow's biggest confrontation with the West since the Cold War.

"This is not a threat; this is actually the declaration of war to my country," Ukraine's Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk, head of a pro-Western government that took power when Russian ally Viktor Yanukovich fled last week, said in English.



Russian troops guard a landing ship in the Ukrainian port of Sevastopol on Sunday as tensions continue to rise. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

150K

Russia moved 150,000 troops to the Ukrainian border and staged war games, though none have crossed into Ukraine.

pleas not to intervene.

Russian forces have already bloodlessly seized Crimea—an isolated Black Sea peninsula where Moscow has a naval base.

On Sunday, they surrounded several small Ukrainian military outposts there and demanded the Ukrainian troops disarm. Some refused, leading to standoffs, although no shots were fired.

All eyes are now on whether Russia makes a military move in predominantly Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine, where pro-Moscow demonstrators have marched and raised Russian flags over public buildings in several cities in the last two days.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry condemned Russia for what he called an "incredible act of aggression" and threatened "very serious repercussions." REUTERS

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Venezuelans take politics to the beach

Thousands of Venezuelans escaped to the beach for the long Carnival weekend, heading President Nicolas Maduro's call to leave behind nearly a month of anti-government protests. But they took their politics with them. Not even the reggaeton pop music blasting at full volume drowns out the discussions about inflation, violent crime and the political differences that divide Venezuelans. "We're never going to stop talking about this," said Carlos Rivero, a 32-year-old security guard who was visiting La Morena, north of Caracas, with his wife. **REUTERS**

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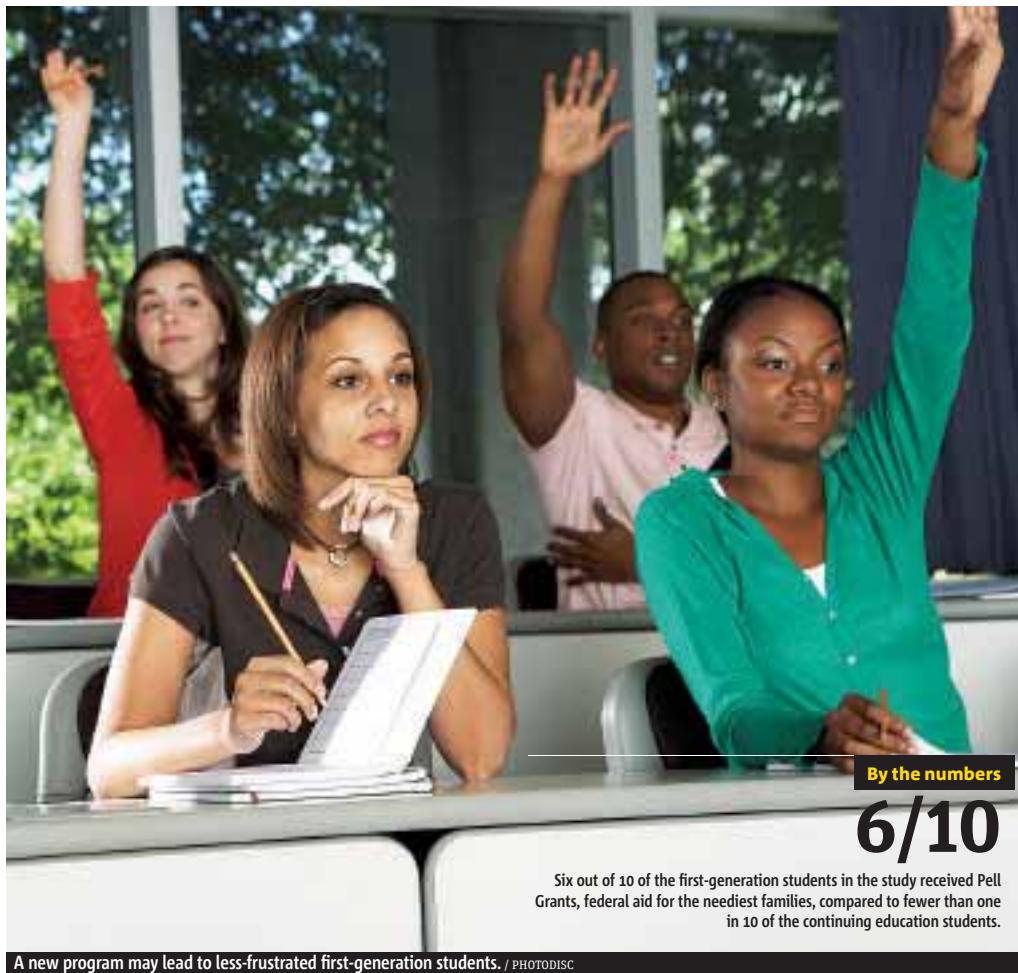
If there's one truism that gets to the heart of most issues, it's that following the money will invariably help you understand what's really going on. NPR's twice-weekly radio show and podcast "Planet Money" is expert at getting on the financial trail.

In the episode "Duke's \$30,000 Tuition Discount," reporter Lisa Chow looks at where students' tuition dollars actually go, using Duke University as a measurement. From low-carb dining options to



high-tech labs for star professors, Chow and host Alex Blumberg talk to students, professors and administrators who weigh in on the bottom line at elite research institutions like Duke.

For anyone interested in how college plays (and pays) out, this episode is not to be missed. And for anyone deep in debt or shelling out their hard-earned dollars for a college education, the show might make some sense of that hefty price tag. **JULIA FURLAN**

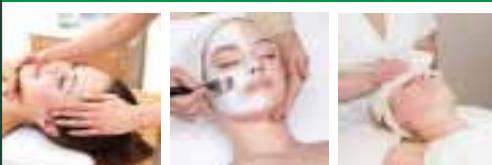


By the numbers

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Six out of 10 of the first-generation students in the study received Pell Grants, federal aid for the neediest families, compared to fewer than one in 10 of the continuing education students.

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Initiatives to make drop-out rates drop

Quitting. A one-hour class helps first-generation college students stay in school.

First-generation college students get lower grades and are more likely to drop out — an "achievement gap" that threatens efforts to boost the number of college graduates. Recent research, however, suggests a simple one-hour intervention that focuses on students' social-class backgrounds could help close the divide.

In an experiment at an unnamed elite private college, incoming students listened to college juniors and seniors discuss how their social class affected their college experience, according to the paper "Closing the Social Class Achievement Gap," to be published in *Psychological Science*. The attendees and the panelists were a mix of "first-generation" students — those whose parents lacked college

degrees — and "continuing generation" students whose parents had college educations.

The first-generation students who attended this "diversity education" panel subsequently earned higher grades and were more likely to use campus resources such as tutoring than first-generation students who attended a panel about adjusting to college life that didn't include the stories about social class, the researchers found.

In fact, the achievement gap between first-generation students who attended the diversity panel and their continuing-generation peers shrank by 63 percent, according to researchers.

The panel also had benefits for the continuing-generation students. Both first-generation and

continuing-generation students reported less stress and anxiety, better adjustment to college life, more social engagement and increased recognition of multiple perspectives.

First-generation students often come from less affluent backgrounds and may struggle with the college environment, said researcher Nicole M. Stephens, of Northwestern University. "Middle-class and upper-class students know that asking for help is what it takes to succeed," Stephens said. "Lower-class students might think they have to figure it out on their own."

For Stephens, it's not just about money. "Students need to learn how to navigate the cultural obstacles that they often experience in university settings." **REUTERS**

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Bynes is back on Twitter

Look out, Twitter: Amanda Bynes is back. But this time around, the troubled former Nickelodeon star is apparently looking to keep things positive. She's deleted all her posts chronicling her descent into madness and obsession with rapper Drake, and now her profile has a simple message to her 3.08 million followers: "Hi everyone! I'm busy studying at [L.A.'s Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising] but I want to say I love you to my fans!"

Has Adam Sandler's dominance of the Razzies come to an end? While Sandler has earned plenty of dubious honors from the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation — "celebrating" the worst in cinema each year on the night before the Oscars — he went home empty-handed despite his "Grown Ups 2" being nominated for nine Razzies.

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Razzie 'winners'

- **Worst Picture:** "Movie 43"
- **Worst Actor:** Jaden Smith, "After Earth"
- **Worst Actress:** Tyler Perry (in drag), "A Madea Christmas"
- **Worst Supporting Actor:** Will Smith, "After Earth"
- **Worst Supporting Actress:** Kim Kardashian, "Tyler Perry's Temptation"

Screenplay for its 19 credited writers. Sandler himself was unseated by Jaden Smith, dubbed Worst Actor for his work alongside dad Will Smith — and Worst Supporting Actor winner — in the sci-fi flop "After Earth." The father/son duo also earned a trophy for Worst Screen Combo. And Johnny Depp's disappointing "The Lone Ranger" was named Worst Remake, Rip-off or Sequel, making it the only Oscar-nominated film (for Best Makeup) to win a Razzie this year.

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Elizabeth Banks is now a Razzie-winning director. / RACHEL ROBERTS

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This week in celebrity engagements



From "That '70s Show" to marriage: Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are getting hitched. / GETTY IMAGES



Sarkozy and Olsen / GETTY IMAGES

This weekend was full of celebrities pledging to pledge their undying love to one another. First up: Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher, who are reportedly getting hitched, according to E! News. Kutcher was apparently encouraged to make it official with his former "That '70s Show" co-star after attending weddings for their respective siblings in December and last month. Meanwhile, Mary-Kate Olsen is reportedly set to marry 44-year-old French banker Olivier Sarkozy after two years of dating, according to Us Weekly. "Mary-Kate's

family thinks Olivier is the best thing to happen to her. They love him," a source says. And the feeling's mutual for friends

of Sarkozy, who has two children from a previous marriage. "Mary-Kate has made him a better father" to 12-year-old Julien and

10-year-old Margo, another source says. "She remembers all the kids' special events. She thinks he's a great dad."

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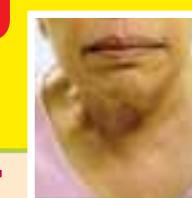
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'Alright, alright, alright'

The Oscars. The night belonged to McConaughey, "Gravity" and "Slave," but not "American Hustle."

The first Oscars in 1929 lasted only 15 minutes. The Academy wanted no fat this year. That's why they chose an arbitrary theme — "heroes" — that meant plenty of time-consuming montages. Host Ellen DeGeneres, who helmed the post in 2007, did her best to keep things running, keep things hijinx and mock the pomp and length. (At one point she ordered pizza.)

The first award went to Jared Leto, who won for his performance as a transgender person with AIDS in "Dallas Buyers Club." Yes, we now live in a world where Jordan Catalano is an Oscar winner.

It seemed like Jennifer Lawrence might score her second Oscar for "American Hustle." And the budding Gerald Ford impersonator would have fallen on the way up, no doubt. But instead the award went to Lupita Nyong'o for "12 Years a Slave."

"Frozen" won Best Animated Feature, while Kris-



ten Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez won for writing its torch song "Let It Go." More importantly, the latter (of "The Book of Mormon") became the latest to score the much-coveted EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony).

Awarding the documentary "The Act of Killing" would have shed light on a dark side of history and of humanity. So the Oscars instead gave it to "Twenty Feet From Stardom," about back-up singers. On the bright side, that meant the great Dar-



lene Love sang, which is never a bad thing.

John Ridley won for his precisely sculpted "12 Years a Slave" script. Original Screenplay, meanwhile, went to Spike Jonze for the human-OS romance "Her."

Sidney Poitier showed up with Angelina Jolie to tell everyone to "keep up the wonderful work" (even the guys who made the "Meet the Spartans" parody movies). But what he was really there to do was to give the Best Director Oscar to Alfonso Cuarón, the visionary of "Gravity" (and "Children of Men" and "Y Tu Mama Tambien) who became the first Latin American to ever win the Director trophy.

Cate Blanchett became the latest actress to win an Oscar for acting in a Woody Allen film, for her performance as a crumbling former socialite in "Blue Jasmine." Blanchett, who previously won for playing four-time Oscar winner Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator," thanked her fellow nominees in a very genuine way, though her kudos to

her writer/director fell on curiously muted applause.

Matthew McConaughey won for "Dallas Buyers Club," as everyone said. He thanked God, which his "True Detective" character Rust Cohle would never do. Then he cried. But then he wound it up by crowing his second most famous "Dazed and Confused" line: "Alright, alright, alright." (Still, Leonardo DiCaprio or Chiwetel Ejiofor should have won.)

Lastly, recent Razzie winner Will Smith — who shared Worst Onscreen Duo with son Jaden Smith for "After Earth" — put the show out of its misery by giving Best Picture to "12 Years a Slave."

Worth noting is that "American Hustle" was shut out of its many nominations. Sad. We guess.

The night's low/high point saw a perfectly respectable and quietly moving "In Memoriam" montage inexplicably followed by Bette Midler warbling through "The Wind Beneath My Wings." Humanity can't agree on much, but for this moment all united together in dumbstruck, how-did-that-happen awe.

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Red carpet dreams. Here are the best looks of the Oscars



1 Best Supporting Actress winner Lupita Nyong'o looked like Cinderella in a baby blue Prada gown with Fred Leighton jewels.



2 Saint Laurent made Jared Leto's white tux, but the question of the evening was: Who did his hair?

3 A pregnant Olivia Wilde glowed in an elegant black and white Valentino gown.

4 Jennifer Lawrence brought her best accessory — a graceful fall — to the red carpet. The actress once again tripped while walking in a Dior gown.





Nick Lachey hosts "Big Morning Buzz," premiering today and airing weekdays at 10 a.m. on VH1. / MILLER MOBLEY

Hey, Nick Lachey, what's all the 'Buzz' about?

TV. He'll let you know as the host of VH1's morning show, "Big Morning Buzz."

Life's coming full circle for Nick Lachey right now. The singer and TV personality's new hosting gig for VH1's "Big Morning Buzz" brings him back to the old "TRL" studios where both he and his wife Vanessa have done many a taping — Lachey as a solo artist and with his band 98 Degrees, and Vanessa as a "TRL" host from 2003 to 2007.

"It's so surreal to be in there," Lachey says of the Times Square studio. "To be looking at that same view, it's very cool. There's such an energy to the space and to Times Square in general that it's contagious. It'll definitely be re-

flected in the show."

The gig means Lachey, his wife and their 18-month-old son Camden have moved to New York for the next 15 weeks. "You definitely get less bang for your buck square footage-wise than in L.A.," he says, "but at the same time New York has so much to offer. We're looking forward to the whole experience of being here and sharing it with Camden."

As he steps into the role of interviewer for the pop culture morning show, taking over for previous host Carrie Keagan, Lachey says the best advice his wife gave him was to "just be yourself."

"When you're doing a show like this and you're the personality, you have to be authentic and organic," he says, adding that the show's live element makes for a challenge that's "a little trial by fire," but one that he's eager to embrace.

And Lachey's experience on the other side of the questions is sure to come in handy when he takes over the mic.

"I know how it feels and I always appreciate it when interviewers treat me with respect," he says. "To me, the thing that was the most disconcerting in an interview was when someone would pop a question on

Quoted

"I know how it feels and I always appreciate it when interviewers treat me with respect. ... I didn't want to be the guy that ambushes someone. I want people to walk away from the show and want to come back." Lachey

Little Lachey



Baby buzz?

The Lacheys aren't shy about their desire for more kids. Vanessa recently told Access Hollywood Live that she "cannot wait for more" babies, a sentiment that Lachey happily backs.

"We've always talked about wanting more

kids, so, yeah, we're getting to the point where that's gonna be a reality," he says. "We definitely want Camden to have a brother or a sister, or multiple. We certainly enjoyed having Camden — he's been an angel of a kid — so hopefully we'll get lucky and have another angel."

Magic Jeff?

Meanwhile, in 98 Degrees news

This summer, Lachey's bandmate Jeff Timmons will star in "Men of the Strip," a reality show on E! detailing his time as part of an all-male Las Vegas revue.

"He did the Chippendales stint and that was something he had a lot of fun with," Lachey says. "Obviously he stayed in shape and he's very passionate about it."

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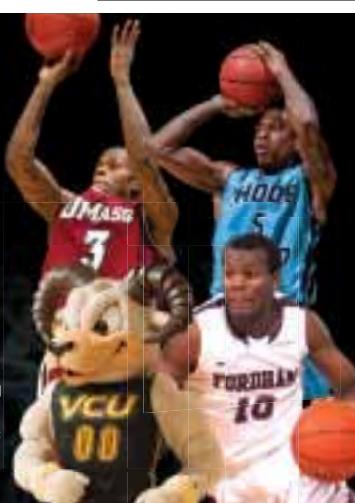
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'The Voice' winners: Where are they now?

With the new season premiering tonight at 8 on NBC, we look back at those who have already taken the crown. **JENNIFER VALDEZ**

Javier Colon

Colon won the inaugural season of "The Voice" charming America with his humility and spell-binding vocals. After the show, he released his album "Come Through for You" in November 2011 with his debut single, "As Long As We Got Love," featuring Natasha Bedingfield. In 2013, he launched the series "Inside Voice," broadcast on Back9 Network.



Jermaine Paul

Huffington Post called Jermaine Paul a "legend in the making." He won the second season of "The Voice" and was anticipated to reinvent R&B. But where is Paul now? His winning cover song of "I Believe I Can Fly" reached No. 83 on the Billboard Hot 100. But his next song, "Soul Man," featuring his coach, Blake Shelton, did not do as well. Before "The Voice," he was on many of Alicia Keys' songs as well as Kanye West's "Gold Digger," but Paul has yet to release his own album.



Cassadee Pope

The former lead vocalist of Hey Monday and winner of season three rocked out of the gates. Less than a week after winning "The Voice," Pope owned the No. 1 spot on Billboard's Heatseekers Songs chart. Her album, "Frame by Frame," was released in October by Republic Nashville. Pope begins her U.S. tour with country singers Tim McGraw and Kip Moore in April. She has been nominated for Best Album and Best Female Artist at the 2014 World Music Awards.



Danielle Bradbery

Season four winner Danielle Bradbery released her debut single, "The Heart of Dixie," in July, and her self-titled debut album in November. Her song "My Day" was featured at the Sochi Winter Olympics and she was chosen to be "the voice" of the Games' promo campaign.



Tessanne Chin

During season five, Chin performed Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water," making her cover the first in "Voice" history to become the No. 1 song on iTunes. She has performed on "The Tonight Show" and at the Rose Bowl parade.



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If you're ready to take

your manifesting skills to the next level, first cultivate a greater sense of knowing with these three steps.

Surrender

Get into the daily practice of surrendering to your desires. Set daily intentions to release your attachment to the outcome and to release all expectations. This practice helps you get out of the way to let the universe do its thing.

Imagine

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in stillness and think your way into the experience that you want to create. Let your imagination guide you to tap into the images you want to see and the feelings you want to feel. Your imagination is your greatest resource for creating new experiences in your life. Spend five minutes a day practicing this imagination exercise.

Feel like you're already there

In time, through the imagination process, you'll

feel what it's like to experience your desires. Write down clearly what that feeling feels like. In your daily life, do whatever it takes to tap into that feeling. For instance, if you're manifesting more money, focus your attention on everything you already have to cultivate a sense of abundance. Or if you're manifesting a healthy body, make time to move more and energize yourself.

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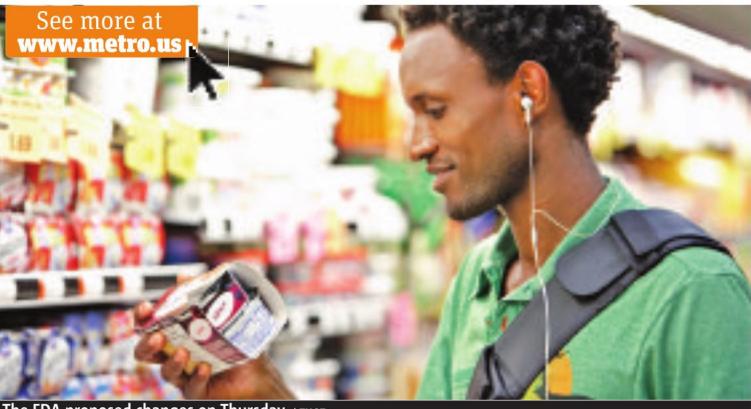
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The FDA proposed changes on Thursday. / FUSE

What to expect from the new nutrition labels

Diet. Plus, learn how to read them.

Info overload

On Thursday, the White House and Food and Drug Administration proposed edits to nutrition labels that haven't undergone major changes in 21 years. The groups aim to make calories more prominent on the label, differentiate between added and natural sugars and modify serving size information, among other changes.

First lady Michelle Obama supports the changes.

"You as a parent and a consumer should be able to walk into your local grocery store, pick up an item off the shelf and be able to tell whether it's good for your family," she said Thursday.

Health groups like the American Cancer Society have already applauded the proposed changes. CEO John Seffrin said in a release that the changes will make it easier for Americans to choose healthier food when they're grocery shopping.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics agrees. Academy president Dr. Glenna McCollum said in a statement that the move is "a big win for consumers" and "long overdue."

Actual edits to nutrition labels may take two years to implement, administration officials said. Proposed

indicative of being more processed versus natural foods. It will be a way to quickly see that without having to read the ingredient label.

I also think we might see some other types of nutrients become mandatory. Potassium — a mineral necessary for cardiac function — is not mandatory. Americans are not getting enough potassium to maintain heart health.

What are the most important numbers to look for on a label?

I think total calories per package and per serving. Fiber is really important. Americans are not getting enough. Take a look at total fat. A quick way to see if it's a lot is, if it's more than 20 percent, it's considered high for fat, and 5 percent or less is considered low. Maybe some kind of color coding could be helpful.

What are your best tips for reading a label?

People can get absorbed in the numbers. Instead of obsessing over how many grams you are supposed to be eating, use the numbers as a comparison when deciding between two products. For example, if you're trying to get more fiber in your diet, choose the cereal with higher grams of fiber per serving.



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changes will be under a 90-day comment period.

So what does it all mean for you? We asked registered dietitian Rachel Berman from About.com to explain.

What's the most important change you want to see?

I would love to see added sugar and natural sugar separated out. Added sugar is considered discretionary calories that we really need to monitor. Food items with added sugar are

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This week in health news

Mardi Gras beads may contain hazardous chemicals**Location of study:** U.S.
Study subjects: Data study**Results:** Mardi Gras beads on sale at top retailers may contain one or more hazardous chemicals linked to serious health threats, according to a study between HealthyStuff.org (a project of the Michigan nonprofit Ecology Center) and VerdiGras (a New Orleans nonprofit dedicated to greening Mardi Gras). The Ecology Center researchers tested 135 Mardi Gras beads — 87 previously used and 48 new — and found that more than 90 percent contained at least one of these harmful chemicals: lead, hazardous flame retardants, arsenic or cadmium. Eighty percent of the beads contained 400 ppm of bromine, indicative of halogenated flame retardants. Two-thirds exceeded the Consumer Product Safety Commission's federal limit for lead in children's products.**Significance:** These chemicals have been linked to asthma, birth defects, learning disabilities, reproductive problems, liver toxicity and cancer. Researchers warned to keep these beads away from children and for everyone to refrain from putting beads in their mouth,

Watch those Mardi Gras beads. / STOCKBYTE

cent were found to have death rates 61 percent higher than those with ABSI in the bottom 20 percent.

Significance: Researchers concluded that further investigation as to whether lifestyle or other interventions could reduce ABSI and improve longevity was warranted.**Brain mapping might aid treatment of mental disorders****Location of study:** U.S.
Study subjects: Mice**Results:** Columbia University Medical Center researchers hope that better understanding of CA2 — a small region in the brain's hippocampus — might help in treating disorders characterized by altered social behaviors, such as autism, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. The hippocampus plays a critical role in our ability to remember the who, what, where and when of our daily lives.**Significance:** "The role of CA2 has remained largely unknown," says senior author Dr. Steven A. Siegelbaum, a professor of neuroscience and pharmacology. "Because several neuropsychiatric disorders are associated with altered social behaviors, our findings raise the possibility that CA2 dysfunction may contribute to these behavioral changes." **LINDA CLARKE**

and to wash hands after handling them. Also, never burn the beads and do not store them in sunlight. Heat can activate the harmful chemicals, or make them airborne.

Measurement could be more accurate than BMI**Location of study:** U.K.
Study subjects: 7,011 adults ages 18 and over**Results:** Dr. Nir Krakauer, an assistant professor of civil engineering in CCNY's Grove School of Engineering, and his father, Dr. Jesse Krakauer, developed a measurement called A Body Shape Index, which they contend is more accurate than Body Mass Index in assessing one's risk for death related to abdominal obesity. Persons with ABSI in the top 20 per-

Health notes

- We're at the start of Colon Cancer Awareness Month and there's a giant inflatable colon in Grand Central Terminal today to remind you. Fight Colorectal Cancer and Bayer are behind the installation, which will also feature music from country singer Craig Campbell, gym classes and even a wedding. There will also be doctors on-site who can answer questions.

- The Confession Stand**, a new charity that helps people with mental and emotional disorders, is hosting a launch party and fundraiser Wednesday night at Tokya NYC (40 E. 58th St., 212-308-6888). Learn more at



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[TheConfessionStand.org.](http://TheConfessionStand.org)

- You can win a pair of Christian Louboutins (and other swanky prizes) when you enter Spa Week's **Heart Over Heels** giveaway. Visit SpaWeek.com through March 17, and for every entry, Spa Week will donate 25 cents to the American Heart Association.

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Move on. How to tell when you need to start hunting for a new gig

No job is perfect in every respect, and there are always going to be occasional rough periods. You could probably learn to live with one or two of these factors. But if the problems are piling up, or you have the feeling that things are getting worse, it may be time to take the next step in your career. Who knows, looking for new opportunities might give you a new appreciation for the job you already have.

But when the daily hustle seems like too much to handle, check in with yourself and see if these warning signs resonate with you:

1 You're not learning. This might sound minor — after all, work is not school — but if you're not learning, you're not growing. And if you're not growing, boredom is sure to set in. A fulfilling job should offer challenges and require you to master new skills, try new techniques and absorb new information. If none of that is happening, you're stagnating.

2 You can't seem to get a break. When you make an error, no matter how inconsequential it may be, your boss jumps all over it.



Feeling it

You're suffering emotionally or physically

Maybe you're angry and taking it out on your loved ones or you have physical symptoms of stress and anxiety. If you suspect these problems stem from your job, it may be time to move on (and find a therapist).

Your job should not be a constant headache. / COLOURBOX

Meanwhile, your contributions go unacknowledged. If you haven't received a raise or a promotion in a while, though others at your level have, and the perks that other employees enjoy somehow never come your way, reevaluate. It's hard to shake the feeling that you are unappreciated, and if that's the case, move on.

3 Your values are not in sync with those of the company. It doesn't matter what the specific issues are. The point is this: If you often find yourself thinking, "That's not right," the fit between you

and your job is no longer beneficial for either you or the company.

4 The business is in bad shape. Professionally, you may be doing fine, but if you can see that your industry is in trouble and you're hearing ominous rumors about your company, think twice about staying. A steady stream of cost-cutting measures can alert you to the company's continued downward trajectory.

— Source: Robert L. Dilenschneider, author of *"The Critical First Years of Your Professional Life"*

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We speak about 16,000 words a day. Most of us don't think about them much. But our use of language has a big influence on the way other people perceive us, particularly at work.

Chances are if you're a woman, self-deprecation is part of your social arsenal. Joking at our own expense tells others we're friendly and approachable, and being liked is something women tend to care about — a lot. But while self-deprecation may work with other women, it can be a linguistic faux pas if you happen to be a senior woman among a group of men. I learned all this from Judith Baxter, a professor of applied linguistics at Aston University in the U.K. Baxter spent 18 months studying the ways in which men and women use language — including humor — at work. She focused on men and women leading high-level meetings. "Men were using humor in a more crafted and professional way to manage people," says Baxter, "whereas the women were less easy with using humor, and there were often cases of humor going wrong when the women used it."

This is where the (female) heart sinks. Eighty percent of women's attempts at humor flopped. Meanwhile, 90 percent of men's jokes were met with instant mirth. Baxter says part of this comes down to cultural factors. "Women

aren't supposed to be funny but men are. Women and men are prepared to laugh at men's jokes, but men aren't prepared to laugh at women's jokes." While men could tease others and get a laugh, women used the same tactic at their peril.

Women's minority status in these meetings also played a part (there was an 80/20 men-to-women split). "When women are in the minority they tend to be more defensive, less relaxed, less self-assured in that situation, so humor doesn't come as naturally to them," says Baxter. When she looked at humor among middle managers, there were striking differences. There were more women in those meetings, and women got many more laughs.

So where does this leave those of us who enjoy a little banter at the office? I'm not about to abandon my sarcastic tendencies, or the occasional self-induced put-down. Both can be useful (even, dare I suggest, funny) in the right circumstances. Still, at least I know that if I'm outnumbered in the conference room I'll have to work that bit harder to crack a successful joke.

By the numbers

80%

Eighty percent of women's attempts at humor failed during a study by Aston University in the U.K.



That joke might not land in a room where you're outnumbered, one study suggests. / COLOURBOX

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T Aries | March 21-April 20. Important information is being withheld from you. Much energy will be required to find out the pertinent facts. Research will enable you to make the changes necessary.

T Taurus | April 21-May 21. Recruit family members who have been challenging your ideas. Once changes have been made, everyone will be surprised.

II Gemini | May 22-June 20. To avoid future dissension, it is imperative to get agreements in writing. Make the effort to get together with someone you love.

C Cancer | June 21-July 22. You must maintain a positive attitude if you want to achieve stellar results. Complaint will alienate you from those you want to impress.

Q Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Adding to your interests will help expand your chances of success. To achieve your dreams, leave no stone unturned.

W Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Sticking to a strict budget may be difficult, but it will be beneficial in the end. By eliminating negativity, you will be able to focus on productivity.

W Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You will be able to win over your most obstinate opponents. If you demonstrate your helpfulness, a rewarding partnership will be proposed.

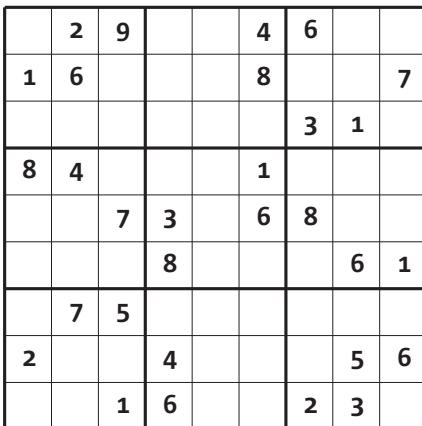
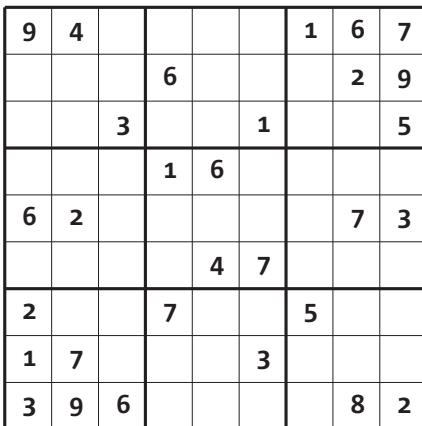
M Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Others may be trying to take credit for your ideas. Apply yourself to some complex projects.

W Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Social and romantic events look promising. Enhance your self-esteem with a little indulgence. A new hairstyle may provide just the lift you want.

W Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Don't ever stop believing in yourself. Stick to your original plans and refuse to listen to those who are critical or pessimistic.

W Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Plan some entertainment for your friends. A short trip will give you the opportunity to try something different. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Sudoku: Easy and hard



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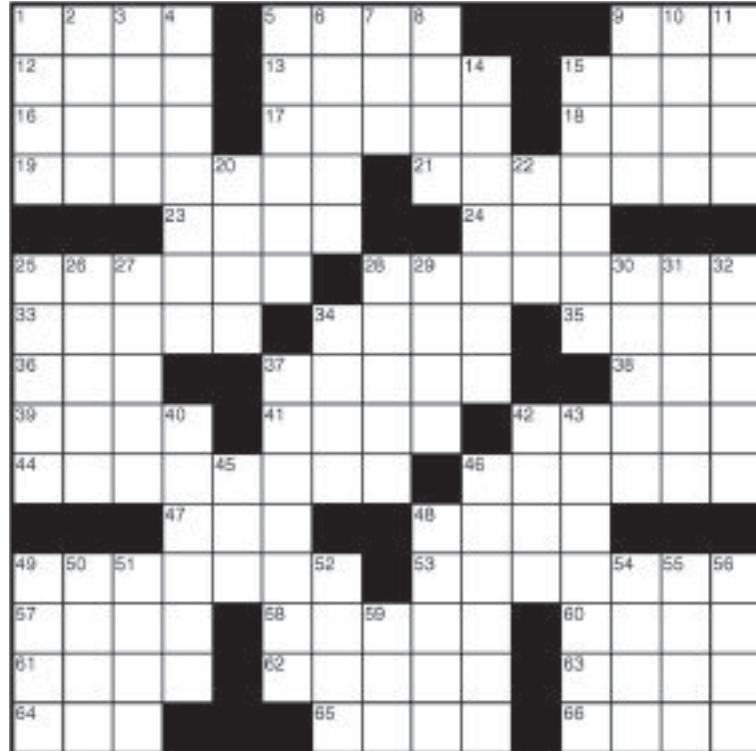
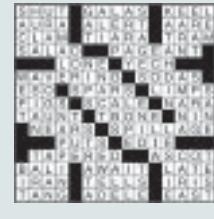
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5 Sgt. Preston's gp.
9 Old crone
12 Shades
13 Mover's rental (hyph.)
15 An ellipse has two
16 Blows it
17 Ipo —
18 Picnic intruders
19 Stopped working (2 wds.)
21 Everest adjective
23 Cleopatra's river
24 Pixel
25 Apollo's priestess
28 Curbed (2 wds.)
33 Ploys
34 Hayloft locale
35 Like blue moons
36 Clean water org.
37 Pitch
38 Matter, in law
39 "Nautilus" skipper
41 Viking letter
42 " — you coming?"
44 Arrogance
46 Battery posts
47 Want-ad letters
48 Clucks
49 Evening serenader
53 Stumped, informally (3 wds.)

Down

57 Ultimatum word
58 Greathearted
60 Roam about
61 Go first
62 Midwest crop
63 Tel. or elec.
64 — annum
65 Canine noises
66 Blanc and Gibson
31 Curie daughter
32 Snug retreats
34 Smear
37 Disembowering
40 Toed the line
42 "Puppy Love" singer
43 Platform
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26 Get soft
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30 Challenged

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Keep religion in check

Don't make US an army of one

Hooray to Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer for vetoing the anti-gay bill! Religious freedom is a fine thing, but one can go too far the other way too. We have allowed too many children to die because their parents disapproved of medical help. It would be a shame if the Lutherans tried to do everything their founder wanted them to do — then they would go out and burn down every Jewish home in the neighborhood. If you want a third example of religious freedom going overboard, I'll give you two numbers as a hint: 9 and 11.

THOMAS ROBERTSON, VIA EMAIL

I know that the American government has often used its military to abuse people in other countries. But, seriously? Cutting down our army to pre-WWII levels at a time when America's enemies are growing ever more bold and powerful? We should not be surprised if the foolish decision-making coming out of the Pentagon winds up costing the country its sovereignty. **JORDAN CLARKE-BONHOMME, VIA EMAIL**

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LOSSES KEEP ON COMING

NBA. The Bulls beat up on the Knicks for their sixth straight loss as the team is now 18 games under .500.

The Bulls showed up to an early start at the United Center on Sunday, but the Knicks looked like they had just stumbled off the plane.

Chicago ran out to a 16-1 start and 37-16 first-quarter lead as they cruised to a 109-90 victory over the floundering Knicks.

"You can't come on the road and start like that and expect to win," head coach Mike Woodson said.

New York (21-39) has now lost six straight and 12 of their last 14 games. They also fell to 7 1/2 games out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference at the time of the loss. Atlanta, who holds the eighth spot, played out West against Phoenix last night.

Carmelo Anthony led the Knicks with 21 points — the only starter to score in double figures. Amar'e Stoudemire, J.R. Smith and Tim Hardaway Jr. all had solid games off the bench, but only after the team had dug themselves into an insurmountable hole. Tyson Chandler had 8 points and 22 rebounds.

Different Japanese buzz

Mets lose 7-1, Syndergaard starts today

While Masahiro Tanaka captures the attention of Yankees fans in spring training, the Japanese import who did the same in 2007 had a lackluster spring debut for the Mets.

Fifth-starter candidate Daisuke Matsuzaka allowed one run and two hits over two innings in his spring training debut. Jose Valverde also got a chance to make his Mets debut in the third inning. He allowed a run as well. The Mets dropped to 0-3 this



Raymond Felton continued to struggle since his gun arrest, with just four assists and 8 points on 2-of-10 shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Our defense was pretty solid enough to win 54 games last year. We're so far from that now it's not even funny."

Mike Woodson, head coach
On the Knicks' defense, which is allowing 100.5 points per game this season after allowing 95.7 in 2012-13.

"It's embarrassing," Anthony said. "It's frustrating and it's embarrassing."

The Knicks had no answer for the Bulls offense right from the start. Joakim Noah finished with 13 points, 12 rebounds and 14 assists for his second triple-double of the season.

While the Knicks had just one starter in double figures, every starter for

Chicago — as well as two reserves — was in double digits. One of those bench players, D.J. Augustin, led all scorers with 23 points in extended garbage time.

The Bulls had an astoundingly low three turnovers in the entire game.

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Subtle shot?

Glens Falls, N.Y., native Jimmer Fredette, who signed with the Bulls for the rest of the season after being released by Sacramento, had subtle words for the Knicks before Sunday's game.

- "I see how this team plays and they play hard every single night and they play for each other," Fredette said of the Bulls. "They play the right way. That's something I was looking for."
- Reports prior to his release indicated the Knicks might be interested, but Fredette said he wasn't contacted.

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Nuno-doubter

Yankees win behind power hitting display

Eduardo Nunez and J.R. Murphy hit home runs in an 8-2 win for the Yankees over the Blue Jays.

Carlos Beltran, one of the few starters to make the road trip, had a hit and an RBI in three at-bats.

Vidal Nuno, who is in the competition for the fifth starter role, started and allowed one run in two innings. He gave up a home run to Jose Bautista, but also struck out three batters. **METRO**

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Rangers need to keep winning to hold spot

NHL. The Rangers are still in the playoffs for now, but the race is not getting any easier for them.

Rangers head coach Alain Vigneault needed only two words to summarize the Eastern Conference playoff race.

“Everybody’s winning,” Vigneault said at the Garden on Sunday night, hours before the Rangers met the Bruins in a nationally televised match with postseason implications.

The Rangers entered the game with 69 points — seventh in the East. They trail sixth-seeded Philadelphia by one point after a weekend that saw the Flyers beat the



Derek Dorsett, right, made his return to the lineup Saturday but was out again last night. / GETTY IMAGES

Rangers, 4-2, on Saturday afternoon, and score three goals in the final 15 minutes of regulation and overtime to complete a 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Capitals on Sunday.

No. 8 seed Detroit and

No. 9 seed Washington are one point behind the Rangers.

“We have to win,” Vigneault said.

There was one change to the lineup Sunday night as right wing Derek Dorsett was scratched in

favor of center Dominic Moore.

Vigneault had dressed Dorsett in Saturday’s loss in Philadelphia. The game was his first action since suffering a broken leg in a 5-2 loss to the Penguins on Jan. 3.

Dorsett was minus-1 in 8:42 of ice time, which included a two-minute minor penalty for high-sticking Flyers center Vincent Lecavalier.

“[Dorsett] needs to practice a little bit more, work on his timing,” Vigneault said of the wing, who appeared tentative against the Flyers. “[We] have a couple [practice] days this week so we’ll figure it out.”

Dorsett has just five points (three goals, two assists) in 38 games.

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St. John's 72, DePaul 64

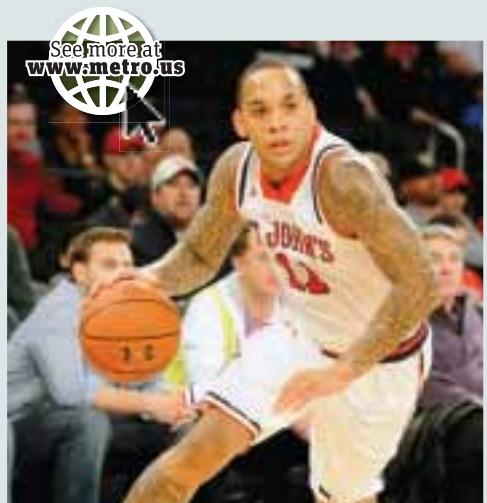
St. John's beats DePaul with only one game remaining

St. John's bounced back from two straight losses with a comfortable win over DePaul. But they have just one regular season game left to make an impression on the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

Rysheed Jordan missed the game after the death of his aunt last week, but D'Angelo Harrison more than made up for his absence with 25 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. But it was Chris Obekpa's five blocks — part of a 14-block game for the team — which had everyone talking postgame.

“Chris is a big-time player so he makes big plays on the defensive end,” Harrison said. “He stepped up when we needed him, so we have to thank him for that. You can’t teach what he does. He’s just a unique player.”

“Chris saved the



D'Angelo Harrison stepped up with the Red Storm's starting point guard out. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

“We won this one, kudos to us, but we have to get ready for the next one, which is Marquette in probably our biggest game of the year.”

D'Angelo Harrison, St. John's guard

day,” head coach Steve Lavin said. “I thought Orlando [Sanchez] and Obekpa in particular played really well. Obekpa anchored our defense at the rim and provided the resistance we needed against DePaul’s dribble penetration attack.”

The Red Storm’s final game of the season is March 8 at Marquette. **MARK OSBORNE**

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Index No. 306503/13

SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the Place of Trial

The basis of venue is situs of property known as 2738 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, New York.

Plaintiff,

-against-

2738 BRUCKNER ASSOCIATES,

Defendants.

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To the above named defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: October 24, 2013

KEVIN A. STEVENS, P.C.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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COMPLAINT

2738 BRUCKNER ASSOCIATES, -Defendant(s)

Plaintiff, by its attorney Kevin A. Stevens, PC, complaining of defendant(s) hereby alleges and states as follows:

1. This action is brought pursuant to N.Y. Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law Article 15 to compel the determination of claims to real property described in this complaint.

2. Plaintiff is a New York Religious Corporation duly organized and existing, with a principal place of business in the State of New York, County of BRONX.

3. Upon information and belief, defendant is or was a partnership organized under the laws of, and headquartered in, the State of New Jersey. Defendant is referred to as a New Jersey Partnership by deed dated May 17th, 1990, recorded June 15th, 1990, in Reel 990, Page 93. (See discussion in paragraph 7 below)

4. That the transactions complained of, to the extent not otherwise specified, all occurred within the State of New York, County of BRONX.

5. Plaintiff at all relevant times was and now is owner in fee simple of the following described property, located and situated in the City of New York, County of Bronx, and State of New York: Parcel "B" of land designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of the Bronx, as Lots 7 in Block 5537 of Section 18, as said Map was on the 4th day of February, 1952; said property being known and designated as 2738 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY and conveyed by deed dated May 17th 1990, and recorded June 15th, 1990. (See Deed attached as Exhibit "A") Prior to plaintiffs ownership of this lot, the same was owned by plaintiff's denominational parent.

6. Plaintiff also has at all relevant times owned and possessed of a House of Worship ("House of Worship Parcel") in fee simple on lots 1 and 3 in Block 5537 of Section 18, as said Map was on the 4th day of February, 1952; said property being known and designated as 2726 and 2730 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY, conveyed from New York District of The Assemblies of God by deed dated April 4th, 2000, recorded March 16, 2001 in Reel at Page 1542. (See Deed attached as Exhibit "B")

7. Defendant previously obtained record title to the following described property, located and situated in the City of New York, County of Bronx, and State of New York: Parcel "A" of land designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of the Bronx, as Lot 7 in Block 5537 of Section 18, as said Map was on the 4th day of February, 1952; said property being known and designated as 2738 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY and conveyed by deed dated July 13th, 1983, and recorded March 7th, 1988 (herein after the "Premises"). (See Title Report and Deed attached as Exhibit "C")

8. Plaintiff has acquired title to the above referenced Premises by virtue of adverse possession pursuant to RPAPL sections 501 & 512.

9. Plaintiff has used and occupied the Premises openly, notoriously, continuously, and exclusively, for a period of time extending well beyond the ten (10) year statutory requirement set forth in CPLR Section 212.

10. For over twenty (20) years the Premises has been used as egress in case of a fire or other emergency access for the rear portion of the building on parcel "B", granting access to Bruckner Blvd.

11. Since 1998 the church has maintained a storage shed on the Premises for the storage of equipment associated with maintenance and landscaping.

12. For over ten (10) years the Premises has been used for regular church construction projects and clean up. Commercial dumpsters were placed on the Premises for project cleanups each time.

13. In 2003 the Premises was used for heavy equipment storage when the church was going through renovations.

14. Since 2006 the Premises has been used as an access point for wireless antenna heavy machinery to work on cell towers.

15. Since 2010 the Premises has been used as a children's play area during Sunday worship programs.

16. Plaintiffs occupation of the Premises has been under a claim of right. As stated and shown above, Plaintiff's occupation has been continuous, exclusive and adverse to any other rights and claims, including that of defendant. Defendant has not set foot on the Premises at all, nor contacted plaintiff in regard to the plaintiffs occupation at all. Defendant has made no use of the Premises whatsoever, including one abandoned billboard located on parcel "A", for years. Defendant has abandoned the Premises and has not occupied, possessed or used the Premises for in excess of ten years, during which Plaintiff has openly and notoriously occupied the Premises.

17. By virtue of the filed deed (Exhibit "C"), defendants claim or may claim to have, or it appears by the public records that they may claim, some estate or interest in the above-described Premises, which belongs to plaintiff, and of which a description is given in paragraph 7 above or that the defendants claim or my claim to have, or it appears by the public records that they may claim some estate or interest in a part of the real property, the exact nature, extent, and quality of which claims, except as here specified, are unknown to plaintiff.

18. Plaintiff alleges that all claims of defendant to the Premises are invalid and have been abandoned, and are of no force or effect and that all such claims have been wholly and effectively extinguished, cutoff, and barred by the acts and occurrences of a continuing nature that have continued for a period exceeding that required by statute for the vesting of title through the medium of adverse possession, and that plaintiff has seized and possessed the Premises free of, and wholly discharged from, any and every claim, demand, or encumbrance on behalf of defendant.

19. All the defendants are known, and none are infants, mentally retarded, mentally ill, or alcohol or drug abusers.

20. Any judgment granted herein will not affect any person or persons not in being or ascertained at the commencement of this action, who by any contingency contained in a devise or grant or otherwise, could afterward become entitled to a beneficial estate or interest in the aforesaid Premises. In addition, every person in being who would have been entitled to such estate or interest, if such event had happened immediately before the commencement of the action is named as a party to this action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

A) that it be adjudged and finally determined that plaintiff is the lawful owner and are vested with an absolute and unencumbered title in fee to the Premises described in this complaint in paragraph 7 (and in Exhibit "C");

B) that the sole and complete possession of the Premises described in paragraph 7 of this complaint be awarded to the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff remains in possession of the Premises;

C) that defendants and all persons claiming under them or under any of them be forever barred from all claim to an estate or interest in the Premises described in paragraph 7;

D) that plaintiff recover costs, disbursements, and allowances against any and all defendants answering this action;

E) that plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the Court may deem just, equitable, and proper.

Dated: October 24, 2013

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